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REF: A) MADRID 4954, B) MADRID 4431, C) MADRID 4440

1. WE ARE DISTRIBUTING SPANISH PROPOSALS TO INTERESTED
TECHNICAL AGENCIES FOR THEIR VIEWS. BECAUSE SEVERAL OF
THESE PROPOSALS ARE IN SPANISH ONLY, HOWEVER, AND IT IS IM-
PRACTICAL TO HAVE THEM ALL TRANSLATED AT THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE, THERE WILL BE SOME DELAY.

2. OF THE 52 PROPOSALS RECEIVED, 15 WERE JOINTLY PREPARED
BY U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SO THESE IN EFFECT HAVE AL-
READY BEEN REVIEWED. AS YOU KNOW, CLIFF SELVAGE OF ERDA
HAS ALREADY REVIEWED A NUMBER OF OTHER SOLAR AND WIND
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ENERGY PROPOSALS WHICH WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSALS
WE RECEIVED. WE WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THESE?

3. AS WE SEE IT NOW, A NUMBER OF COUNTERPROPOSALS MAY BE
REQUIRED. FOR EXAMPLE, WE UNDERSTAND THE MINISTRY OF
INDUSTRY HAS NOT INCLUDED IN ITS \$733,000 ALLOCATION,
ANY OF THE FOUR COOPERATIVE PROJECTS IN WHICH THE U.S.

BUREAU OF MINES EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE, THESE PROJECTS

ARE OF INTEREST TO U.S. ERDA BELIEVES THAT SEVERAL SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO U.S. HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED. THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BELIEVES FUNDS ALLOTTED TO THE ICONA PROJECT WILL NOT PERMIT THE FUNDING OF ACTIVITIES THAT NPS CONSIDERS OF VALUE.

4. AS STATED AT THE MAY 16 MEETING, DEPARTMENT WANTS U.S. AGENCY TO ADMINISTER OCEANOGRAPHY PROJECTS FOR U.S. SINCE THESE PROJECTS WERE BEGUN UNDER FORMER NSF PROGRAM, THAT AGENCY WOULD BE THE MOST LOGICAL CHOICE. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON POSSIBLE NSF INVOLVMENT. VANCE

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